

BELHELVE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

APPROVED MINUTES of MEETING – 20th NOVEMBER 2017 @ BALMEDIE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Chair: David Watson; **Vice Chair:** David McKendrick ; **Treasurer :** Scott Wilkinson
Secretary & Minute Taker: David Wallace ; **Planning Reporter:** Drew Robertson

Members Present::; D.Wallace ; D.Robertson; S.Wilkinson,; Richard Miller :D.McKendrick ; Alan Smith : Christine Murray,
Apologies,. D.Watson , John Fletcher. Phil Mann ;

Formartine Area Councillors Present, Andrew.Hassan ; Jim Gifford
Apologies;; Paul Johnston ; Karen Adams

Visitors: John Hutcheon & Chris Schenk from the Potterton Residents Group.

The Vice-Chairman (who chaired this meeting) welcomed all present to the meeting, asked that all mobile phones be put on 'silent' and that all matters be addressed through the chair. He also requested that BCC members declare any conflict of interest in any of the known agenda items .

Declaration of Conflict of Interest

No conflict declarations made with respect to the noted agenda items.

Police Matters .

- No Police attendance and no e-report provided.

Minutes of Meeting from previous meeting

- The Minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed , comments noted . The agreed revisions will be made accordingly. They were then proposed for approval by S.Wilkinson and seconded by A.Smith.

Matters arising from the previous minutes

- **Belhelvie Banter** next contribution deadline is on the 19th January, 2018.
- **Magnificent 7 (Phase 2)** . Following the meeting held on October 2nd with all interested parties the chairman provided an status update which was read out by the vice-chairman. It contained a reference that the BCC members had agreed to fund the CPT payment (11% of project value). This agreement was disputed by the treasurer and his view was supported by all members present. A further discussion with the Chairman will be required to resolve this funding matter.
- **Sensory Garden Project** . The management of this project will be a combined effort from BCC and BCT. Currently we await the Bills of Quantity from Graham Webster prior to lodging a funding application to EB Scotland /Taylor Environmental. **Chairman to action**
- **Balmedie Congregational Church** the Planning Application for the erection of 3 Sheds and a surrounding 6 Foot Fence was discussed at the Aberdeenshire Council meeting held in Turriff on November 7th.and was given a delegated GRANT. This meeting was attended by D.Robertson and D.Wallace who spoke in objection to the proposal on behalf of the BCC. Support for the Application was provided by Better Balmedie who intend to develop a communal garden within the fenced area for use by all members of the community.

- D. Robertson , A.Smith & R.Miller all attended the November monthly meeting of the **Potterton Community Group**. Minutes of that meeting have been forwarded to all attendees.
- D.McKendrick & J.Fletcher will both attended the **Belhelvie Community Trust's** monthly meeting on November 27..
- Following an invitation from the **Scottish Community Development Centre (SCDC)** inviting the BCC to take part a **research project** into making Community Councils more relevant in Scotland's evolving policy context. C. Murray represented the BCC and took part in the survey.
- C.Murray also attended AC's annual **Community Council Event at Woodhill House in Aberdeen on 30 September** and provided some documentation relating to the subjects discussed. (Christine was not in attendance at last month's meeting).
- Communications received from AC's Planning Dept relating to the restoration of both **Bruntlands and Westerhatton sites** were read out. Cllrs. Gifford & Hassan committed to raise both issues with the Chief Executive of the Aberdeenshire Council (Alan Savage) who they were due to meet later in the week.

Treasurer's Report

- The present balance of the BCC Account is **£2,035.60**. Payments of £1,000 to Better Balmedie for the Balmedie village tidy and £250 to both Potterton and Belhelvie have been made. Consolidation of our banking accounts have been carried out by the Treasurer with all our funds now in one Bank account.

Planning Report

- Details of the 3 Planning Applications raised since our last meeting was provided. Decisions related to 4 previously made Applications were also noted . None of the above had any BCC involvement.

Landfill Tax Projects

Balmedie Leisure Centre; Work on upgrading the toilet/ changing rooms continues..

Blackdog Residents Association's application for a drainage sink hole and construction of 2 paths at the community park was successful. The estimated construction cost is £25,000. It was noted that this funding application was made directly to EB Scotland by the BRA.

Work on the **installation of new windows at Belhelvie Parish Church** is now complete..

Greenfield Projects

- Potterton Residents Group to receive bulbs, benches and orchard plants in the new year.
- Belhelvie to receive a 12 foot Xmas tree to be planted by AC at the Dyce junction in Belhelvie. They will also receive bulbs and orchard plants in the new year.
- **NOTE: If any local group have a health ,safety or environmental project they would like to put forward for funding, please contact Belhelvie Community Council at the e-mail address provided below or alternatively call the BCC Chairman on 01651-328263.**

Correspondence e-mail address: belhelviecommunitycouncil@hotmail.com

Following funding refusal for the **Local Community Christmas Celebration Event** by the Formartine Area Committee it was proposed and agreed that the BCC should champion a funding drive to help

prevent the cancellation of the event at the White Horse Inn. We also agreed to make a healthy donation to the event. **Secretary to chase up all potential funding options.**

It was noted that we were the only funding application to be refused by the FAC which was exceptionally disappointing as there were 19 of them in total !

Chairman also agreed to provide a large Xmas tree to the White Horse in preparation for the Christmas festivities there **. Action by Chairman.**

Communication received from the **Grow Wild Community Project** related to funding and support. **BCC Member to be appointed to lead this project at our December meeting as the funding application needs to be lodged by 15th January 2018.**

Any Other Connected Business

- **Aberdeen Bay Offshore Windfarm & Associated Sub-station.**

Vattenfall forwarded a detailed update relating to their project's progress which included the commencement of the offshore construction phase. Prep work on the cable routing from the landfall point to the Transformer Sub-station had also begun.

- The Potterton visitors raised their intention to set up a POP-UP Café on November 25th and a New Year Party on Hogmany in Potterton. They intended to provide details of both for advertising on our BCC noticeboards in the area.
- Further to a meeting Cllr.Hassan attended in the Belhelvie Community Hall he raised a question regarding the ownership of Forsyth Hall in Belhelvie. BCC's understanding was that the hall is owned by the Church of Scotland but committed to make contact Trevor Morgan at AC's Estates Dept. to clarify that understanding. **Secretary to action.**

. Meeting closed 21:50

Next Belhelvie Community Council meeting – Monday 15th January, 2018

At 7:15pm in the Balmedie Primary School - Visitors Welcome

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